

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for providing printed pages of web hosted information in response to an electronic request received over a communication network, the method comprising:
providing add-in software operable with a web site, the add-in software
5 enabling a visitor of the web site to submit a request for receiving a printed copy of web hosted information that is displayable as web pages;
receiving electronic order information representing the request;
processing the electronic order information to provide electronic production information representing instructions for fulfilling the request;
10 transmitting the electronic production information to a fulfillment facility;
and
providing to the visitor the requested web hosted information from the fulfillment facility in the form of printed pages.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic order information is prepared by the add-in software.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising providing an estimate for costs associated with providing the printed pages.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein the estimate is partly based on a requested style for the printed pages.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein the style includes at least one of binding, saddle-stitching, paper size, two-sided printing and full-bleed printing.

6. The method of claim 4, wherein the add-in software enables the visitor to select a predefined layout and to modify the predefined layout.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the printed pages are provided by printing on oversized paper and trimming the oversized paper to appear as produced by full-bleed printing.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of preparing the electronic order information comprises selecting a style for the printed pages, the style including at least one of page layout, inside and outside of a front cover, inside and outside of a back cover, double-sided printing, and single-sided printing.
9. The method of claim 8, wherein the step of choosing the style includes making a selection from a plurality of thumbnail images, each of the plurality of thumbnail images representing a style.
10. The method of claim 9, wherein the visitor provides a request a modification to the style.
11. The method of claim 10, wherein the request is provided by email.
12. The method of claim 8, wherein the step of choosing the style includes at least one of generating a new style and modifying an existing style.
13. The method of claim 1, wherein the print pages are packaged with at least one other item.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the at least one other item includes advertising material.

15. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of processing the electronic order information comprises providing at least one of front information, back information and spine information.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the front information comprises at least one of a table of contents, forward and advertising.

17. The method of claim 15, wherein the back information comprises at least one of an index, an appendix, a table and a glossary.

18. The method of claim 1, wherein the add-in software further enables a user to provide at least one of related personal and professional information.

19. The method of claim 1, wherein the add-in software further provides customer web site information, the customer web site information regarding at least one of the uniform resource locator of the web site, the IP address of the web site and the name of the proprietor of the web site.

20. The method of claim 1, further comprising providing a production web site, the production web site providing prospective customers information regarding providing the printed pages.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein the production web site further provides restricted access to registered users.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein the restricted access enables registered users to receive electronic information regarding orders for printed materials.

23. The method of claim 1, wherein the fulfillment facility provides the printed pages such that they have been subject to at least one of folding, binding and saddle stitching.

24. The method of claim 1, further comprising at least one of transmitting an invoice for the printed pages and receiving electronic payments for providing the printed pages.

25. The method of claim 1, wherein the printed pages further comprise ownership information.

26. The method of claim 25, wherein the ownership information includes copyright information and production information, the production information including information regarding the fulfillment facility.

27. The method of claim 1, further comprising storing a style in a database corresponding to respective visitors, and selecting a stored style for respective visitors in future production of printed pages..

28. A remotely controlled method for the production of bound books responsive to individual book orders, the method comprising:

providing access via an Internet connection to a plurality of remote potential book buyers in the form of web pages that display at least a portion of the contents of books for perusal and review;

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operating a facility that enables the potential remote book buyer to place an order or orders for one or more selected books;

processing orders for books whose contents are represented by web pages;

communicating the order, including selection and the ordered book's content

10 to a fulfillment facility;

executing at the fulfillment facility a series of steps that convert the communications into a bound book; and

delivering the book to the book buyer.

29. A system for providing formatted print pages that comprise content represented in a web site, the system comprising:

add-in software operable with the web site, the add-in software enabling a visitor of the web site to submit an electronic request for the formatted print pages;

5 a request receiving module that receives the electronic request over a communication network;

a request processing module that processes the contents of the electronic request and provides electronic production information that provides instructions for fulfilling the electronic request;

10 a transmitting module that transmits the electronic production information to a fulfillment facility operable to provide the formatted print pages corresponding with the electronic production information; and

a formatted print pages delivery module operable to provide to the visitor the formatted print pages.

30. The system of claim 29, further comprising a production information processor providing the add-in software, the production information processor further providing a production web site, the production web site comprising at least public content for registered and non-registered visitors, and private content for registered

5 visitors.

31. The system of claim 30, wherein the public content comprises information regarding at least one of the add-in software, the request receiving module, the request processing module, the transmitting module and the formatted print pages delivery module.

32. The system of claim 30, wherein the private content comprises at least one of content received from the web site and content not received from the web site, wherein the content is to be included in the formatted print pages.

33. The system of claim 30, further comprising a search module, the search module providing a location of content related to content provided in the web site.

34. The system of claim 33, wherein content located by the search module is included in the formatted print pages.

35. The system of claim 30, further comprising at least one of a laser printer, a bubble jet printer, an ink jet printer, a dye emulsion printer, and a full-bleed printer.

36. The system of claim 30, wherein the electronic request includes electronic content information representing the content for the formatted print pages, and control information representing at least a style of the formatted print pages.

37. The system of claim 36, wherein the control information further comprises at least one of an identification of the web site, the portion of the web site

for the formatted print pages, and the version of the formatted print pages.

38. The system of claim 36, wherein the control information further comprises at least one of the name, mailing address, shipping specifications and e-mail address of the party submitting the electronic request.

39. The system of claim 36, wherein the style of the formatted print pages includes at least one of the front matter, the back matter, and components that are repeated in the formatted print pages.

40. The system of claim 29, wherein the communication network is the Internet.

41. The system of claim 29, further comprising a formatted print pages style module that provides a selection of at least one formatted print pages style template.

42. The system of claim 41, wherein the at least one formatted print pages style template is used to produce formatted print pages that comply with a formatted print pages style.

43. The system of claim 41, wherein the formatted print pages style module provides tools for manipulating a selected formatted print pages style template.

44. The system of claim 29, further comprising a simulation module that provides an electronic simulated representation of the formatted print pages.

45. The system of claim 44, further comprising an approval module that prompts the viewer for approval after the simulation module provides the electronic simulated representation of the formatted print pages.

46. The system of claim 44, wherein the electronic simulation is at least a partial representation of the formatted print pages.

47. The system of claim 44, wherein the electronic request comprises the electronic simulated representation.

48. The system of claim 29, further comprising a subscription module that prompts the visitor to enter into a subscription agreement for receiving future formatted print pages.

49. The system of claim 46, wherein a single payment for a plurality of orders for formatted print pages is provided by the visitor.

50. The system of claim 29, further comprising an e-commerce module performs at least one of generating a cost for receiving formatted print pages and accepting payment for formatted print pages.

51. The system of claim 29, wherein the formatted print pages include at least one of a company annual report, a wall calendar, a desk calendar and a poster.

52. The system of claim 29, wherein the content comprises an article in a previously printed magazine.